



# Lowell City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary City Clerk

**Date:** May 2, 2017 **Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** City Council Chamber

375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

Zoning SC May 2, 2017.

RE: Review of proposed Zoning Amendments from Developmental Services.

### PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Milinazzo, C. Belanger, C. Rourke. Also present were Eric Slagle (Insp. Services), Christine O'Connor (City Solicitor), C. Mercier, C. Samaras, C. Leahy, Manager Murphy, and C. Leary.

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairman Milinazzo called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Council Chamber.

# **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Milinazzo noted that prior sections have been before Council and have be made into ordinances. C. Milinazzo noted that neighborhood groups have been very involved and that the remaining recommendations should be moved forward to the Council to created more ordinances. Mr. Slagle reviewed remaining sections noting some sections evoked more discussion than others. The following summarizes some proposed changes: adding uses to table; definition changes; accessory building changes; clarifying request for permit signs; telecommunications facilities; site plan review additions; downtown business restrictions; parking/large scale developments; and overlay downtown district changes. C. Rourke questioned parking for commercial entities. Mr. Slagle noted commercial spaces could be added to metered spaces in terms of increasing number of spaces. C. Rourke questioned accessory structure ordinance. C. Belanger questioned restrictions on transfers to non-taxed

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entities. Mr. Slagle outlined the new regulations and the process and reasoning behind them. Manager Murphy commented on such developments and how often they are being proposed. C. Milinazzo noted he would report to full Council. **Motion** to report as a report of progress and that remaining recommendations be used to create new ordinances by C. Belanger, seconded by C. Rourke. So voted. C. Mercier commented on the protection that will be present with restrictions placed on transfer of properties to non-taxed entities.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to Adjourn by C Rourke, seconded by C. Belanger. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk